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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEES

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1. POST RESPONSES TO REFTEL INDICATE THAT FORMAL NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ARE FUNCTIONING IN MOST ARA COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, REGULARITY AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS VARY WIDELY, AND IN SOME COUNTRIES COMMITTEES DO NOT EXIST. REASONS GIVEN FOR THESE DIFFERENCES ARE RELATED TO POST PERCEPTIONS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND/OR TO THEIR EXPERIENCE IN SEEKING THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL COUNTRIES ARE USING A TWO-TIER SYSTEM UNDER WHICH SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS OF FULL NARCOTICS COMMITTEES FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL SUCH AS INTELLIGENCE OR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.

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2. THE BUREAU'S SURVEY FURTHER REVEALED THAT IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING DRUG SITUATIONS IN THREE COUNTRIES, ONE EMBASSY, WHICH DID NOT HAVE A COMMITTEE, RECENTLY ESTABLISHED ONE, AND TWO EMBASSIES REACTIVATED THEIR COMMITTEE.

3. THE DEPT HAS RECENTLY BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE PRESS AND

IN A REPORT OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL (COPIES BEING POUCHED) FOR ALLEGED NEGLECT OF THE NARCOTICS FUNCTION. IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT, ONE POST WAS SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM BECAUSE ITS NARCOTICS COMMITTEE HAD NOT MET IN SIX MONTHS.

4. WHILE CRITICISM MAY NOT BE JUSTIFIED IN ALL CASES, IT DOES REINFORCE THE NEED TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT STEPS PRESENTLY BEING TAKEN BY OUR EMBASSIES REFLECT THE HIGH PRIORITY THE USG CONTINUES TO GIVE TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALL MISSIONS SHOULD ASSURE THAT IN CASES WHERE NARCOTICS COMMITTEES ARE NOT UTILIZED A MECHANISM EXISTS TO PERMIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND COORDINATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM.

5. MISSIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO ELICIT SUPPORT OF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS EFFORTS, REGIONAL COOPERATION AS APPROPRIATE, AND ON LOCAL PROBLEMS.

6. BUREAU LOOKS FORWARD TO ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON NARCOTICS DURING CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. VANCE

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